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RETIREMENT OF ROGER W. PUTNAM, PRESIDENT OF THE NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

HON. BOB STUMP

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding American, a true patriot, and veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States. On August 31, 1999, Roger W. Putnam will retire from his position as president and chief executive officer of the Non Commissioned Officers Association. On that date, Roger Putnam will bring to a close more than 40 years of service to the Nation and military members and veterans.

A retired U.S. Army Command Sergeant Major, Roger Putnam's military service was indeed distinguished and varied. He originally entered the Air Force in 1949 and served until his discharge in 1952. He continued his public service as a Detroit police officer before returning to the Army in September 1961. During the ensuing 24 years, he rose through the enlisted ranks to Command Sergeant Major in various assignments overseas, including Japan, Ethiopia and Germany, and within the United States. He is a combat veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Among numerous campaign and service awards, Roger earned the Silver Star for gallantry in action, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Medal (5th Award). Roger also earned and is entitled to wear the Master Aircraft Crewman Badge.

Roger is the Past President of the Enterprise Alabama Rotary Club and has been recognized by the Rotary International as a Paul Harris Fellow. He is a Past Chairman of the Commanding General's Retiree Council, Fort Rucker, Alabama, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce and the Army Aviation Museum Foundation. Roger also served as vice president of the Community Bank and Trust at Fort Rucker and Enterprise, Alabama.

In March 1998, the NCOA International Board of Directors elected Roger to his current office as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Association. This position was preceded by membership on the International Board of Directors since 1983, including service as its Chairman, and as NCOA's Vice President for Field Membership Development.

Mr. Speaker, veterans of all eras, indeed all Americans, have benefited from the magnificent service that Roger Putnam has so unselfishly given to the Nation. I know that his leadership will be missed within the Non Commissioned Officers Association and veterans' organizations as well. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before the people's House and salute Roger for a job exceedingly well done. Thanks for your service, Roger, and may your days ahead be filled with happiness, prosperity and health.

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A TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN BRYAN L. ROLLINS

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the exceptional services which Captain Bryan L. Rollins, U.S. Navy, has performed for the United States and for the county of San Diego. Captain Rollins' selfless devotion and patriotic performance make him a truly admirable American and one deserved of recognition by this body. It is for his outstanding service to our Nation and its citizens that I wish to congratulate and thank Captain Rollins.

Captain Rollins has had an impressive Naval career with each assignment more demanding and more impressive than the last. He served aboard the U.S.S. *Constellation* as the chief staff officer of Carrier Air Wing 14 with deployments to both the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean through 1987. In November of 1990 Captain Rollins assumed duties as commanding officer of the Sun Downers and was deployed once again to the Indian Ocean and to the Western Pacific. He amassed over 3,000 hours and more than 800 carrier landings aboard the U.S.S. *Carl Vinson* and the U.S.S. *Kitty Hawk*. While serving as navigator, and later as the executive officer, aboard the U.S.C. *Kitty Hawk*, Captain Rollins performed honorably in Somalia, the Persian Gulf, and Korea. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement medal.

In April of 1996, while serving as the commanding officer of Naval Air Station Miramar, home of the famed Top Gun aviation aggressor school, he was selected as the Chief of Staff for Commander, Navy Region Southwest. It was there that he was instrumental in the formulation and implementation of a regionalization plan which involved over 65,000 personnel and four full-scale Naval bases. In addition to consolidating and incorporating commands throughout San Diego, he established the Navy's first regional business office and developed business strategies which have become standard throughout the Navy-wide regionalization plan. His effective and efficient tactics have saved the Navy countless millions of dollars as it undergoes drastic changes nationwide. His management skills, foresight, and exceptional communication skills allowed him to gain widespread support for Navy operations throughout the community.

Captain Rollins remarkable contributions to San Diego County, the United States Navy, and our country speak to his intellect, his professional drive, and his relentless pursuit of excellence. I wish him the very best success as he starts a new chapter in his life. Congratulations and, as always, "fair winds and following seas."

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RECOGNIZING THE ORDER OF THE NOBLE COMPANIONS OF THE SWAN

HON. BOB FRANKS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, in these troubled times of misguided values, when good is often called evil and evil called good, our nation cries out for examples of genuine virtue from which our citizens may take inspiration. That is why I am proud that my home State of New Jersey is the headquarters of the Order of the Noble Companions of the Swan; an international order of Christian chivalry dedicated to perpetuating traditional virtues in the modern world in memory of those Soldiers of the Cross who embarked upon the First Crusade with Godfrey de Bouillon to free the Holy Sepulcher.

Under the leadership of their Grand master, William Anthony Maszer of North Brunswick, New Jersey, who is a hereditary prince of Alabona-Ostrogorsk and Garama, the Order of the Noble Companions of the Swan has been raised to the high and noble estate of knighthood amongst Christian chivalry. The members of the Order have sworn solemn knightly vows to bring chivalric virtues into the modern world by preferring honor to worldly wealth, by being just and faithful in words and deeds and by serving as guarantors of the weak and humble through their private acts of mercy and charity.

The exemplary efforts of the Order of the Noble Companions of the Swan have brought them international recognition from the Russian College of Heraldry as well as the Diccionario de Ordens de Caballeria y Corporaciones Nobiliare in the Kingdom of Spain. Closer to home they have been honored and formally recognized by a Resolution of the New Jersey State Senate and count our Governor, Christine Todd Whitman, among their well wishers. Governor Whitman has observed that "the principles of chivalry are as relevant today as ever before" and expressed her hope that the Order's "efforts to preserve the notion of chivalry are rewarded by a renewed commitment to these values throughout society."

Mr. Speaker, I join with Governor Whitman in the fervent desire that the knightly works of the Order of the Noble Companions of the Swan shall continue to serve as an example of virtue in a modern world desperately in need of a moral compass. I would call upon all of our citizens to aspire toward the traditional virtues embodied in this noble Order.

RECOGNIZING FORMER U.S. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE THE LATE HENRY T. RAINEY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize the extraordinary

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work of Carrollton's home town hero, former Speaker of the House Henry T. Rainey. A memorial to the famous resident will hang in the new visitors center in Alton. "Rainey put the Alton area into the world trade and transportation market by pushing an appropriation through the U.S. House to build Locks and Dam 26 in Alton in 1938," Greene County historian Phil Alfred said. Rainey worked closely with President Roosevelt during the depression until his sudden death in 1934.

Although Rainey served in Congress for thirty years and became one of the most powerful speakers in the history of the U.S. House, he never forgot his roots in Carrollton. He always came back to his farm to visit the people of his home town. My colleague Congressman JERRY COSTELLO and I are extremely proud of the residents of the Alton area for taking pride in their community and honoring a great man.

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT JAMES
SUK AND HIS 28 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF
UNION CITY, CA

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor Sergeant James Suk, a dedicated member of the Union City Police Department. Sergeant Suk recently retired from service after twenty-eight years of service, and will be honored by the Union City Police Department at a dinner on August 20, 1999.

Officer Suk began his law enforcement career in Union City as a Patrol Officer in 1968, just two years after the Union City Police Department was formed. For the first six years of his career, Jim worked as a regular beat officer handling calls for service. During this time, he also worked in the Traffic Section and as a detective in the Investigations Section.

In 1974, Jim was promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant and was assigned to the Patrol Division as a Watch Commander. He was the first director of the Youth Services Bureau. He also supervised the Investigations and Juvenile Sections. Jim's many assignments have included supervision of the Reserve Police Officer Program, the Prisoner Transportation Section, and the Crime Scene Technicians.

During his long tenure at the Union City Police Department, Jim worked for every Chief of Police the department has had, and is one of the first Police Officers to retire.

Each year, members of the Union City Police Officer's Association vote one outstanding officer as Officer of the Year. In 1996, the honor was awarded to Sergeant James Suk. It was an appropriate recognition for a career of exemplary performance.

James genuinely cares about the people with whom he works. He has taken many new officers under his wing and help guide them in their careers. He is well respected by both his peers and the officers he supervises.

The city will be honoring Sergeant Suk at a retirement dinner on August 20, 1999. I would like to join them in applauding his hard work

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and dedication. He has a fine record of accomplishments and is an inspiring example of citizenship. I wish Sergeant Suk the best in all his future endeavors.

OLD JICARILLA ADMINISTRATIVE SITE

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 695 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey approximately twenty acres of real property and improvements at an abandoned and surplus ranger station administrative site in San Juan County, New Mexico to San Juan College in Farmington, New Mexico. The Forest Service has determined that the "Old Jicarilla Site," as the site is known, is of no further use because the Forest Service moved its operations to a new administrative facility in Bloomfield, New Mexico several years ago. In fact, the site has been unoccupied for several years.

The College would pay for all lands to be conveyed in accordance with the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and would use the site for educational and recreational purposes. In the event that the land ceases to be used for such purposes, they would revert to the United States.

According to Dr. James C. Henderson, President of San Juan College, "San Juan College has grown to be the fourth largest college in New Mexico. The college serves the people of the Northwest quadrant of the state in numerous ways [by] providing business and industrial training, life-long learning opportunities, and various academic and technical degree programs." The transfer of the "Old Jicarilla Site" to San Juan College to better serve the surrounding community by offering new programs that meet the needs of that community. In addition, the facilities would be available to other civic organizations such as the Scouts and the Boys and Girls Club.

This legislation creates a situation in which the federal government, the State of New Mexico, the people of San Juan County, and most importantly, the students and faculty of San Juan College all benefit. I would like to thank Dr. Henderson, Ms. Marjorie Black, Executive Assistant to the President, and the Staff of San Juan College, the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management for their hard work directed towards making this transfer a reality. In addition, I would like to thank Representative WILSON for her support as well as my New Mexico colleagues in the Senate; Senator BINGAMAN, and in particular, Senator DOMENICI for beginning this effort in the last Congress and for continuing his efforts again this Congress.

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SPEECH OF

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, August 2, 1999

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting the passage of S. 606.

Among other matters already discussed, S. 606 authorizes the U.S. government to finally make good on a \$32 million court settlement with the Menominee Indian Tribe in my district. The history of this settlement can be traced to 1954, when the federal government terminated the tribe's federal trust status and the Bureau of Indian Affairs grossly mismanaged many of the tribe's assets.

In 1967, the tribe filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging this termination and seeking damages. After decades of litigation, in 1993 Congress passed a congressional reference directing the U.S. Claims Court to determine what damages, if any, were owed to the tribe.

In August of last year, more than three decades after the initial suit was filed, the tribe finally settled its claim against the federal government for \$32 million.

As the members of this House are aware, Congress must authorize the payment of this court settlement before any U.S. funds can be released. The court has done its job and the tribe has waited long enough. Now it is time for Congress to do its job and agree to this settlement.

S. 606 passed the Senate by unanimous consent and I am not aware of any opposition to this measure in this House.

I would like to thank Mr. McCOLLUM for his help and leadership on moving this legislation forward.

I also applaud Senator KOHL for his many years of work on this issue. I have enjoyed the opportunity to partner with him to bring this matter to a close.

Finally, I would also like to thank Menominee Chairman Apesanahkwat for his willingness to work with me to ensure these funds won't be used to take any land off the tax rolls. These dollars will only be used to improve education, health care and economic opportunities for the tribe and the areas surrounding the reservation.

Again, I encourage all of my colleagues to help me bring to an end a decades-long legal struggle and also provide much-needed financial assistance to one of the most impoverished areas of my Congressional District.

HONORING NEW BELGIUM
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HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a unique entrepreneurial enterprise in